STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

At Charleston

A PROCLAMATION

By the Governor

WHEREAS, Arch Alfred Moore, Jr. was born on the sixteenth day of April, Nineteen Hundred Twenty-Three in Glen Dale, Marshall County, West Virginia, the son of Arch Alfred Moore, Sr. and Genevieve Moore; and

WHEREAS, Arch Alfred Moore, Jr. graduated from Moundsville High School and attended Lafayette College, Easton, Pennsylvania, before joining the United States Army to serve in World War II; Arch Alfred Moore, Jr. was an infantryman and earned the rank of combat sergeant, and was wounded by enemy machine gun fire in November 1944; as a result of his valiant service, Arch Alfred Moore, Jr. was decorated with a Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Combat Infantryman's Badge, and European Theater of Operations Ribbon with three battle stars; and

WHEREAS, upon his return from war, Arch Alfred Moore, Jr. enrolled at West Virginia University, Morgantown, West Virginia, and received a degree in political science; while at West Virginia University he was involved with student government and helped write the student body constitution, founded "Mountaineer Week," a celebration of West Virginia culture that became a permanent part of the school's calendar, was the president of the Beta Psi chapter of Beta Theta Pi and a recipient of the fraternity's Oxford Cup, and was twice elected summit of Mountain, West Virginia University's ranking honorary fraternity; following graduation, he earned a Juris Doctor degree from the West Virginia University College of Law in Nineteen Hundred Fifty-One; and

WHEREAS, while attending West Virginia University, Arch Alfred Moore, Jr. met S. Shelley Riley, of Uniontown, Pennsylvania; Arch Alfred Moore, Jr. and S. Shelley Riley were married on the eleventh day of August, Nineteen Hundred Forty-Nine, and became the devoted parents of three children: Shelley Wellons Moore Capito, Lucy St. Clair Moore Durbin, and Arch Alfred Moore, III; and

WHEREAS, although Arch Alfred Moore, Jr. briefly practiced law in Moundsville, West Virginia, his passion for politics and public service began when he was elected to fill his uncle's former seat in the West Virginia House of Delegates in Nineteen Hundred Fifty-Two, serving until Nineteen Hundred Fifty-Four; Arch Alfred Moore, Jr. was elected to the United States House of Representatives in Nineteen Hundred Fifty-Six and became its youngest member; Representative Moore won re-election five times, serving in this capacity until Nineteen Hundred Sixty-Eight; and

WHEREAS, Representative Arch Alfred Moore, Jr. was instrumental in helping forge United States policy in Vietnam and travelled to the country many times during his tenure in office; Representative Moore stated, "As a member of Congress I probably spent more time in Vietnam than any other member because of the great influx of refugees from the north making their way into South Vietnam, I had the responsibility to develop the country's position on how we were going to handle that"; and

WHEREAS, Arch Alfred Moore, Jr. was elected the twenty-eighth Governor of West Virginia in Nineteen Hundred Sixty-Eight; with the Governor's Succession Amendment passing in Nineteen Hundred Seventy, Governor Moore became the first governor to succeed himself in office since Eighteen Hundred Seventy-Two; and

WHEREAS, Governor Moore was re-elected in Nineteen Hundred Seventy-Two; and was later elected to serve an unprecedented third term, becoming West Virginia's thirtieth governor, in Nineteen Hundred Eighty-Four; and

WHEREAS, Shelley Riley Moore served as First Lady during Governor Moore's three terms as Governor; Governor Moore and First Lady Moore celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary in the Governor's Mansion in Nineteen Hundred Seventy-Four; First Lady Moore took an active interest in promoting the West Virginia Governor's Mansion and offered public tours of the mansion throughout her tenure as First Lady; she also established the West Virginia Mansion Preservation Foundation in Nineteen Hundred Eighty-Five; and

WHEREAS, Governor Moore's first terms of office were known for an unprecedented period of road building, as well as for major improvements in public education, welfare and mental health programs; Governor Moore established the West Virginia Department of Highways and continued the work begun under Governor Cecil Underwood on construction of the modern interstate system; Governor Moore also completed construction of the New River Gorge Bridge, the world's longest steel arch bridge at the time; Governor Moore established the West Virginia Board of Regents to manage all state colleges and universities, opened medical schools in Lewisburg, West Virginia, and at Marshall University, Huntington, West Virginia, and helped foster development of public school kindergartens; Governor Moore also opened the West Virginia Culture Center in Nineteen Hundred Seventy-Six; and

WHEREAS, following his first two terms of office as Governor, Arch Alfred Moore, Jr. established law offices in Charleston, West Virginia, Moundsville, West Virginia, and Washington, District of Columbia, where he practiced law before being elected to his third term as Governor in Nineteen Hundred Eighty-Four; and

WHEREAS, during this third term in office, Governor Moore was instrumental in establishing the West Virginia Lottery, reforming the tax structure, and continuing road-building throughout the state; Governor Moore also led recovery efforts after Hurricane Juan's devastating 1985 Election Day floods, the costliest floods in West Virginia history; and

WHEREAS, Arch Alfred Moore, Jr. was a longtime member of the Republican National Committee and the National Governors Association; Governor Moore was elected by his fellow governors, including future presidents Ronald Reagan and Jimmy Carter, to serve as chairman of the National Governor's Conference in Nineteen Hundred Seventy-One; and

WHEREAS, Arch Alfred Moore, Jr. came from a family with strong ties to public service; he was the grandson of F.T. Moore, who served as Mayor of Moundsville, and the nephew of Everett F. Moore, who served ten terms in the West Virginia House of Delegates from Nineteen Hundred Nine to Nineteen Hundred Twelve, Nineteen Hundred Nineteen to Nineteen Hundred Twenty-Four, and Nineteen Hundred Thirty-Nine to Nineteen Hundred Forty-Eight; Arch Alfred Moore, Jr.'s eldest daughter, Shelley Moore Capito, served in the West Virginia House of Delegates from Nineteen Hundred Ninety-Six to Two Thousand and in the United States House of Representatives from Two Thousand One to the third day of January, Two Thousand Fifteen; Shelley Moore Capito took the oath of office as a United States Senator on the sixth day of January, Two Thousand Fifteen; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Arch Alfred Moore, Jr. passed away in Charleston, West Virginia, on the seventh day of January, Two Thousand Fifteen, at the age of ninety-one; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Arch Alfred Moore, Jr. is survived by his brother, Harry "Moo" Moore (Alice); two daughters, Shelley Moore Capito (Charles) and Lucy Moore Durbin (John); a son, Arch Alfred "Kim" Moore, III (Catherine); grandchildren Riley Moore (Mina), Genevieve Moore, Arch Alfred Moore IV (Gina), Charles Capito (Laura), Arch Alfred Moore Capito (Katie), Shelley Macleod (Colin), and Sydney Durbin; two great-grandchildren, Celia and Charlie Capito; and was predeceased by his wife of sixty-five years, Shelley Riley Moore, his parents, Arch Alfred Moore, Sr. and Genevieve Moore, and his sister, Lucy "Joy" Sievertson; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of the State of West Virginia and the friends and associates of Governor Arch Alfred Moore, Jr. wish to recognize and pay tribute to this public servant who made numerous contributions to the State of West Virginia and was one of the Mountain State's towering political figures of the Twentieth Century.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, EARL RAY TOMBLIN, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Governor of the State of West Virginia, do hereby ORDER that all United States and State flags on all State-owned facilities throughout the State be displayed at half-staff from the sixteenth day of January, Two Thousand Fifteen, the day of the public memorial services, through dusk on the seventeen day of January, Two Thousand Fifteen, the day of the funeral services for the Honorable Arch Alfred Moore, Jr.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.



DONE at the Capitol in the City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, on this the fifteenth day of January, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Fifteen, and in the One Hundred Fifty-Second year of the State.

GOVERNOR

By the Governor

SECRETARY OF STATE